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A.—There are already assistant lecturers in languages in the Government first-grade colleges and proposals for strengthening the staff wherever necessary are under consideration. There are no proposals for appointing assistant lecturers in languages in the Government second-grade colleges.

Establishment of a girls' school at Cocanada.

1305 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have come to a decision with regard to the places in the Presidency at which girls' high schools are to be established; and

(*b*) whether the question of establishing a girls' high school at Cocanada has been finally decided; and if so, what the decision is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"May I expect some provision to be made in the ensuing budget, Sir?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"No, Sir."

Compensation to aided schools affected by the introduction of free compulsory education.

1306 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) in which municipalities and other areas compulsory and free education has been introduced; and

(*b*) what compensation, in what shape and for what period, has been provided for the loss of fees to schools under private management?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to Appendix A to Volume I of the Report on Public Instruction for the year 1927-28. Since the close of that year sanction has been accorded to the introduction of compulsory education in the Anantapur and Nellore municipalities, the Saidapet taluk and the Tiruvadi union in the Tanjore taluk.

(*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the rules framed under section 47 of the Elementary Education Act and the draft amendments thereto, published for general information and criticism in notification No. 25, dated 8th December 1928, on page 31 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 22nd January 1929.

Establishment of a Technological Institute at Madras.

1307 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether any, and if so, what steps are being taken for establishing a Technological Institute at Madras?

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A.—A suggestion to develop the Engineering College, Guindy, into a technological institute was recently considered. The Government are advised that proposals to this end can best be formulated only after a permanent Professor is appointed for the Department of Electricity in the College. The High Commissioner and the Director of Public Instruction have been requested to invite applications for the professorship by means of advertisement.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know whether it is proposed to appoint an Indian as Professor for the Department of Electricity ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It depends on the kind of applications we get for the post."

Appointment of a committee to investigate the defects and needs of women education in this Presidency.

*1308 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to appoint a committee to investigate and report on the defects and the needs of women's education of all grades in this Province ?

A.—No.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know the reasons why the Government do not propose to appoint a committee ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not think there is any necessity for such a committee at present."

Work done by the Special Officer for Mappilla education.

*1309 *Q.*—Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the present Special Officer for Mappilla education or the Special Assistant to the Educational Officer of Malabar has done for the progress of education among Mappillas ;

(*b*) how many years it is since the present incumbent was appointed and with what duties ; and

(*c*) what is the total amount of money spent for this officer ?

A.—(*a*) During the term of office of the Special Assistant, 323 additional schools for Mappillas were opened and 26,226 additional Mappilla pupils were brought under instruction. Compulsory elementary education was introduced in seven amsams of the Ernad taluk, three amsams of the Ponnani taluk and in the Mannarghat union. A scheme of education for Mappilla pupils framed by the Special Assistant is under consideration by the Director of Public Instruction.

(*b*) The officer joined duty in the middle of April 1926. He is intended to assist the District Educational Officer, Malabar, generally in dealing with problems relating to Mappilla education, its organization and development.

(*c*) The cost of employing the officer and his establishment together with charges on account of travelling allowance, contingencies, etc., is estimated at about Rs. 6,000 a year. Information as to the exact expenditure incurred so far is not available.